

REMARKS

In compliance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth in the amendment filed on January 22, 2002, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX: VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, paragraph beginning at line 12, replace with the following:

-- Fig. 3 shows the effect of increasing weight of compound on percentage phosphate bound at pH3. In Fig. 3,

▲-▲ Mg(OH)₂

△-△ Mg:Fe 2:1 Prep unaged wet

○-○ CT100

■-■ CaFe 3:1 Aged wet

●-● ALTACITE [Altacite] liquid washed

- Al(OH)₃ --

Page 5, replace paragraph beginning at line 20, with the following:

-- Fig. 4 shows the effect of increasing weight of compound on percentage phosphate bound at pH7. In Fig. 4,

■-■ CaFe 3:1 Aged wet

○-○ CT100

●-● ALTACITE [Altacite] liquid washed

- Al(OH)₃ --

Page 5, paragraph beginning on line 26, replace with the following:

-- Fig. 5 shows the time course of phosphate binding in food. In Fig. 5,

○ Al(OH)₃

□ CT Fe:Mg 2:1 unaged washed

▲ Ce(OH)₃

▼ ALTACITE [Altacite] liquid unwashed

◊ Mg(OH)₂

★ Milk of Magnesia (1.8g Mg(OH)₃)

★ CT100 washed --

Page 9, delete the paragraph beginning at line 15, and replace with the following:

--Compounds tested:

- (1) a hydroxy carbonate containing a 2:1 ratio Mg: Fe
- (2) a hydroxy carbonate containing a 3:1 ratio of Mg: Fe
- (3) a hydroxy carbonate containing a 3:1 ratio of Ca: Fe
- (4) a hydroxy carbonate containing a 3:3:2 ratio of Ca: Mg: Fe
- (5) CT100, a hydrotalcite of the formula $\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_6(\text{OH})_{16}\text{CO}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- (6) ALTACITE [Altacite], a hydrotalcite of the same formula as CT 100,
commercially available from Roussell, in the form of an aqueous slurry
- (7) magnesium hydroxide
- (8) aluminum hydroxide.--